

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A robot hand apparatus which includes:

a plurality of finger mechanisms each elongates from a  
5 base; and

a power source actuating each finger mechanism, the robot  
hand apparatus further comprising:

a plurality of finger mechanism actuation units for  
actuating each finger mechanism; and

10 a power transmission mechanism transmitting a power from  
the power source to at least two of said plurality of finger  
mechanisms at different timing.

2. A robot hand apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

15 the power source is a motor, and the finger mechanism  
actuation unit is a rotation roller which connects with the  
finger mechanism through a transmission unit, and

the power transmission mechanism includes:

a rotation axis which supports each rotation roller while  
20 allowing the rotation of the rotation roller and is rotated by  
the motor;

elastic devices, each is fixed to the rotation axis for  
holding the rotation roller at a predetermined position on the  
rotation axis, and wherein

25 each rotation roller rotates together with the rotation  
axis when the rotation roller is held at a predetermined

position on the rotation axis by the elastic device, and wherein  
the degree of the deformation of each of elastic devices  
differs each other, when the finger mechanism is in a maximum  
grip state or in a maximum stretch state.

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3. A robot hand apparatus according to claim 2, wherein  
the transmission unit is a link mechanism.

4. A robot hand apparatus according to claim 2 or claim 3,  
10 wherein

a plurality of contact-parts, each engages with and  
separates from a part of the corresponding rotation roller, are  
provided on the rotation axis.

15 5. A robot hand apparatus according to any one of claim 1  
to claim 3, wherein

each finger mechanism is supported while allowing the  
turn in an approaching-and-separating direction with regard to  
the adjoining finger mechanism around a base-side section of  
20 the finger mechanism.

6. A robot hand apparatus according to claim 4, wherein  
each finger mechanism is supported while allowing the  
turn in an approaching-and-separating direction with regard to  
25 the adjoining finger mechanism around a base-side section of  
the finger mechanism.

7. A robot hand apparatus according to any one of claim 1  
to claim 3, wherein

the finger mechanism is held by an elastic device fixed  
5 to the base, and the finger mechanism is pushed by the elastic  
device in a direction apart from the adjoining finger mechanism.

8. A robot hand apparatus according to claim 4, wherein

the finger mechanism is held by an elastic device fixed  
10 to the base, and the finger mechanism is pushed by the elastic  
device in a direction apart from the adjoining finger mechanism.

9. A robot hand apparatus according to claim 5, wherein

the finger mechanism is held by an elastic device fixed  
15 to the base, and the finger mechanism is pushed by the elastic  
device in a direction apart from the adjoining finger mechanism.

10. A robot hand apparatus according to claim 6, wherein

the finger mechanism is held by an elastic device fixed  
20 to the base, and the finger mechanism is pushed by the elastic  
device in a direction apart from the adjoining finger mechanism.